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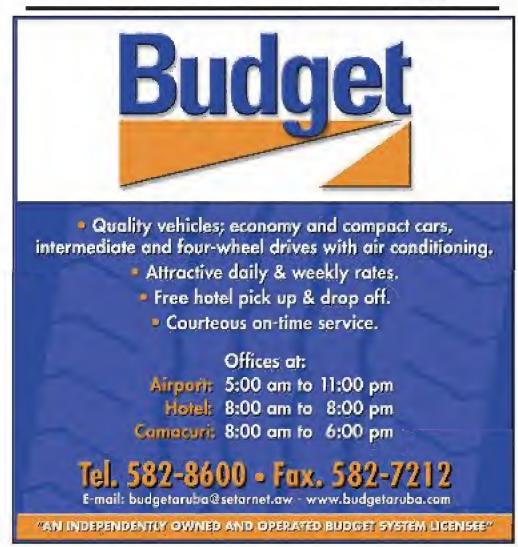
### Aruba's IPA School to host 16th Islands in Between Conference

ORANJESTAD -- It was announced at the Instituto Pedigogico Aruba, or IPA, the island teacher training facility located in San Nicolas, they will host the prestigious Islands In Between Conference of 2013, with the theme being "Language, Literature & Cultures of the Eastern Caribbean." Announcing the event were principal local organizers Gregory Richardson and Merlynne Williams.

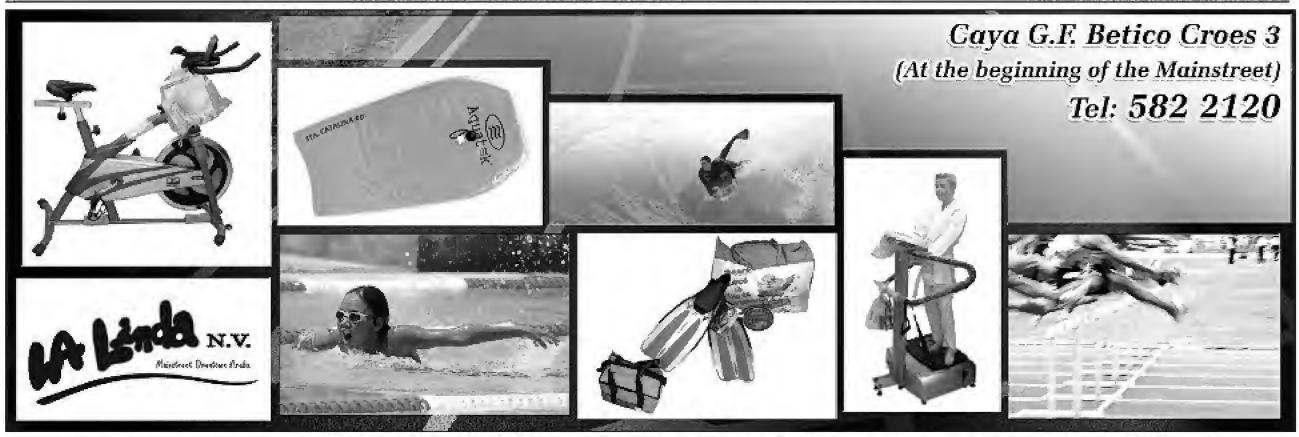
These conference originated in 1998. The UWI-Cave Hill and the University of Puerto Rico collaborate in

establishing the annual event, which focuses on the literature, language and culture of the Eastern Caribbean. Dubbed the "Islands In Between" Conference, it takes place in differing islands where there is no university campus. "The basic motivation is to bring a university presence to each island, make contact with local students and scholars, engage them in joint discussions on Eastern Caribbean literature, language and culture and to encourage research in these areas."

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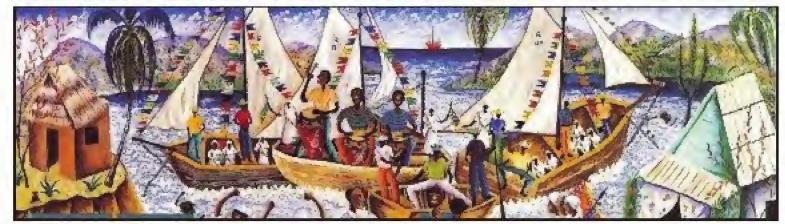






### Aruba's IPA School to host 16th Islands **In Between Conference**

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Nearly 90 speakers are expected to present during the

three-day event beginning Thursday, November 7 and ending on Saturday, November 9. They represent academic institutions from all reaches Europe, Caribbean. North America, Latin America and Africa.

presentations focus on various aspects of Caribbean culture and how it affects the literature produced by and regarding the region. The diversity of language, the varying colonizing influences, gender, race, slavery and the importation of folklore to the region has created a rich, Creole tapestry, whose differences and similarities can provide great insights

and revelations. A particular thrust of this year's confer-ence is "Constructing Caribbean Identities."

Presentations will begin at 9:00 AM each day, conducted in parallel workshops ending at 6:00 PM. The public is welcome to attend. A full timetable can be found on the IPA website:

#### http://www.ipa.aw/PRE-PROGRAMconf.pdf

The opening ceremonies on Thursday will take place in the Wesley Auditorium of the Methodist Church in San Nicolas.

For more information and registration for the upcoming conference, visit the IPA webpage: http://www.ipa.aw/

By Rosalie Klein

#### **Richard Visser transfers** his portfolio to Dr. Alex Schwengle, new Minister of Health

Public Health management will be more focussed on service



ORANJESTAD -- For four years Richard Visser was Minister of Public Health and Sports. During his tenure he instituted various projects that resulted in a success. He has left his post as Minister and has turned over all documentation to the incoming Minister, Dr. Alex Schwen-

Visser indicated that Dr. Schwengle visited his office and interviewed all his staff one by one in their particular specialty. Schwengle also inquired about the vision and plans of the department. They also listed the challenges of the Hospital and the IMSAN project. Also the various projects of BGD and Inspectie came under the loop.

They discussed the IBiSA and the work that this organization is doing in the schools.

The work being done with patients with chronic diseases, self care and the awarenes campaign and sreening being done by the Health Bus, according to Richard Visser.

Visser discussed in detail every aspect of our Public Health with the incoming Minister of Public Health and made certain that he is fully abreast of all developments and plans in the department.

Visser assured the new Minister that he will remain accessible for any questions or explanations needed.

Minister Schwengle's focus is going to be on service and Richard Visser agrees that that will be a great challenge for the new Minister.

### Police Academy students present interesting investigation on illegal garages

ORANJESTAD Wednesday, the Police Academy students (class 2010) presented to invited guests the results of an extensive investigation of various illegal garages operating in Oranjestad. Among the invitees were members of the Aruba Police Force, the Community Police, representatives of several departments working for protection of the environment and representatives of the government's legal department.

The presentation took place at the Police Academy in Balashi. The audio/visual presentation of the situation included handouts attendees listing challenges, advisories and possible solutions for this problem. The investigation and report were part of their studies.

Deputy spokesperson for the Aruba Police Force, John Larmonie, praised the students for a job well done and named this report "an eyeopener". The students found

90 illegal garages and observed several dangerous situations for citizens as well as for the environment. The situations are dangerous not only for the employees, but also for neighboring businesses and residences.

One very important observation brought forward was the primitive procedures used for changing oil, which does not comply with environmental standards. In most cases the dirty oil is thrown away in

the nearby green areas, or other improper places, which represents a hazard for the environment.

According to Mr. Larmonie, "the intention of this investigation is not to close down the garages or hinder people of their jobs. That is not the idea. The intention is to stimulate businesses and incentives for investment in businesses."

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### Glitz Casino celebrates their first Halloween with ghoulish relish



Grand prize winners Leroy de Roo and Melanie Wanga of Aruba



Entertainer Giovanni Trim put on a great show

ORANJESTAD -- Glitz, Aruba's newest casino in the La Cabana Beach Resort, looks forward to holidays and making them special for their patrons. Halloween is the perfect opportunity for some real fun, and appealing prizes, plus entertainment in the Liquid Lounge from veteran performer Giovanni Trim, resulted in some ghoulish fun.

Costumed islanders and vacationers vied for coveted prizes, while demonstrating some remarkable ingenuity and creatively. First prize of a weekend stay at the La Cabana Beach Resort deservedly went to the cutest



2nd place winner Zombi Lensino Croes

couple, Pinocchio and his charming Pinocchia, Leroy de Roo and Melanie Wanga, from Aruba.

Claiming the second place prize of a dinner at Las Ramblas Restaurant in the resort was a look-alike straight out of "Warm Bodies," Zombie Lenzino Croes.

Two very tropical ladies who demonstrated a wicked hula were Terry de Roos and Valerie Petroski from New Jersey. Their enthusiasm for the holiday won them third prize, dinner for two at Jimmy Yee's Asian Bistro in the South Beach Center.

Finally, the prize for "Worst Costume," 500 points on their Glamour Club membership and a free Monday bingo, went to islander Ludwina Maduro, whose impromptu costume could possibly be called "Shovelhead"?? How she kept that ice shovel stuck to her head during all the gyrating to carnival music is still a mystery.

A special mention and a prize for dinner for four at Las Ramblas went to Michael Jackson imitator Chantal Fradl, who demonstrated a remarkable talent for imitating the King of Pop's dance moves and energy

Guided by Giovanni Trim, who moderated the



Third place Hawaiian Ladies Terry de Roos and Valerie Petroski of New Jersey



Special prize for Michael Jackson, won by Chantal Fradi

award ceremony and set the mood, it was an exception-



Worst costume Shovelhead Ludwina Maduro

ally fun evening for all visiting the Glitz Casino on Halloween, whether dressed in costume or not.

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## All ages of islanders know-THE place to be for Halloween is Paseo Herencia



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ORANJESTAD Aside from being a showcase for island

culture and history, Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall is famous for its fabulous events during national and international holidays, with Halloween being a favorite for all the family.

Easily, more than a thousand parents and children filled the Plaza Padu on All Hallow's Eve, where youngsters were provided with ecofriendly good bags to make the rounds to all mall shops to collect their Trick or Treat



As the sun set, they were treated to a fun show with Disney Characters, galvanized by the charismatic Julisa Boekhoudt. Herencia Paseo Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn truly enjoys getting into the mood by sporting an elegant costume. Judges were very hard put to select winners among the adorable assortment of witches, goblins, ghosts, vampires and fairy princesses and other assorted supernatural crea-

tures, as well as superheroes. They awarded prizes to two adorable princesses wearing costumes created completely out of recycled plastic bags. The most original went to the Ghost Bride and Harlequin. A baby dragon and a baby cow won Cutest Costumes.

A parade of absolute adorableness was followed by an exhibition dancing prowess, pitting the boys against the girls. Though the



with the moves of werewolves and superheroes gyrating to "I'm Sexy and I Know It." by LMFAO.

It was super-fun in fantastical dress for all who flocked to Paseo Herencia on Halloween, as they know it absolutely THE best place to celebrate the holidays.

girls in costume certainly out-

numbered the boys, they

were hard put to compete

By Rosalie Klein





#### Police Adademy students...

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Additionally the study is to motivate entrepreneurs to conduct their business within the regulations of law and in the best interest of the community. Aruba is a small island with a fragile environment that needs to be protected.

Larmonie congratulated the students, stating the investigation will be used for a project that will benefit Aruba enormously. Expectations are, such a project will raise islanders' awarness of the potential to invest in businesses related to the care and maintenance of a clean and

healthy environment

The Aruba Police Force wishes to see cleaner barrios, with less nuisances. They know it is necessary to make garage owners aware that they have to re-organize their place of business and how, and so comply with the law. Larmonie even expressed the possibility to create an industrial zone for this kind of business where they can work in an organized manner.

The students explained that at most of the garages the situation is terrible. Old oil is disposed of in an irresponsible manner and old cars just

stay there to rust and become mosquito breeding grounds. It is a dangerous place for kids who play there; they even play in the cars, aside from defacing the island landscape.

The students expressed their satisfaction for the feedback, advisories and input they received. They are preparing a second meeting and plan to invite more departments for the presentation. They also said they are willing to help in any way to realize the projects that will help solve and improve the actual situation.

The investigation also brought forward valuable information that can benefit the garages and help owners solve many challenges they may encounter. The report is not completely finished, but the students pointed out and recommended two businesses that work for the benefit of our environment: Daltra, providing pick-up services of old cars and Biofuel Aruba, which exports used oil for recycling.

### **Attention Motorists!**

Ooststraat closed as of Monday, November 4 to install a sewer drainage pipe



ORANJESTAD – The Department of Public Works – DOW - announces that Ooststraat, on the eastern end of Downtown Oranjestad, will be closed on Monday, November 4, due to the installation of a sewer drainage pipe. The drainage will be installed from the crossing Nieuwstraat-Ooststraat up to the

Wilhelminastraat.

The Ooststraat will be closed completely for all traffic for approximately three weeks. There will be barricades and traffic signs to alert motorists.

DOW apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but asks the public to understand it is for the betterment of Oranjestad's infrastructure.

"My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition."

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## One dead as gunman opens fire at LA

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - A gunman opened fire with an assault rifle at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Friday, killing a security agent and wounding seven people, officials said.

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Panicked travelers scrambled to escape after the lone suspect, named as 23-yearold Paul Anthony Ciancia, pulled out the gun and shot his way through a security checkpoint before being stopped in an exchange of fire with police.

The motive for the shooting was unclear, but the Federal Bureau of Investigation said it could not rule out terrorism. The gunman was reported to be in critical condition in hospital.

The shooter "came into Terminal Three, pulled an assault rifle out of a bag and began to open fire... He proceeded up into the screening area... and continued shooting," said LAX police chief Patrick Gannon.

He then entered the main terminal area and reached a Burger King restaurant before officers "engaged him in gunfire... and were able to successfully take him into custody."

The Transportation Secunty Administration (TSA), which employs screeners and guards at airports, confirmed one of its employees had died.

The Los Angeles Times initially cited sources saying the shooter, who opened fire shortly after 9:00 am in the crowded terminal was also believed to be a TSA employee at the airport, which is the country's third-biggest hub.

Gannon would not comment on that report, but said: "We believe at this point that there was a lone shooter," and that he "was the only person who was anned in this incident."

Of the seven people injured, six were taken to hospital, said the head of the LA Fire Department James Featherstone, briefing reporters for the first time a couple of hours after the incident.

In Washington, President Barack Obama was kept up to date on the shooting. "Obviously, we've been monitoring it and we're concerned about it," Obama said.

## Obama, Maliki vow to fight Al-Qaeda

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US
President Barack Obama and
Iraqi leader Nuri al-Maliki
Friday discussed how to
"push back" against AlQaeda after the resurgent
group whipped up the deadliest surge of violence in the
country in five years.

Obama welcomed Maliki to the Oval Office nearly two years after the last soldier left Iraq, but as fears mount that Al-Qaeda will send the country spiraling back into civil war.

"We had a lot of discussion about how we can work together to push back against that terrorist organization that operates not only in Iraq but also poses a threat to the entire region and to the United States," Obama said.

Amid some criticism that the United States left Iraq to fend for itself after an eight year occupation, Obama said that he appreciated Maliki's work to honor the sacrifice of 4,500 US troops that were killed in the war by building a "prosperous, inclusive and democratic Iraq."

Some Maliki critics in Washington feel the prime minister has not done enough to include all of Iraq's minonties in the political system and has therefore fostered a well of sectarian resentment that has offered an opening for extremists.

## Millions of Americans face food stamp cuts

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US Congress on Friday allowed an estimated \$5 billion cut to a federal food stamps program to take effect, slashing the social safety net for the poor, elderly and disabled.

Almost 48 million, or one in seven, Americans have had food subsidies cut 13.6 percent after a 2009 recession-fighting measure expired Thursday with no congressional action to extend it.

The cuts come as the world's largest economy has still only achieved a tepid recovery from severe recession, marred by persistently high unemployment and budget gridlock in Washington.

The cutbacks increase the

challenges for Americans struggling to buy food amid a sharply widening income gap between the rich and the poor.

And supermarkets and grocery stores were expected to feel the pinch as consumers counted pennies to make the newly stretched ends meet.

A household of four will see \$36 less a month in benefits, as a maximum \$668 allotment is cut to \$632, according to the US Department of Agriculture, which runs the program.

The government had boosted the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits temporarily in 2009 to help the most vulnerable weather the worst US economic crisis since the 1930s.

But the extra SNAP benefits enshrined in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act fell by the wayside this week as a bitterly divided Congress resumed budget negotiations.

SNAP is a major part of the five-year Farm Bill, which the Senate and the House of Representatives began negotiating on Wednesday.

The Republican-controlled House has been pushing for sharp cutbacks in SNAP spending as part of a budget strategy to reduce the US deficit, while Democrats are seeking smaller cuts.



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### Jailed activists now 'face two charges': Greenpeace

MOSCOW (AFP) - Greenpeace on Friday accused the Russian authorities of failing to lift piracy charges against the 30 imprisoned crew of its Arctic Sunrise ship as promised and merely adding new hooliganism charges.

The Investigative Committee, which is in charge of the high-profile probe against the 30 arrested on the ship that was protesting Russia's offshore oil drilling in the Arctic, initially accused the activists of piracy.

However last Wednesday the Committee, Russia's equivalent of the US FBI, said in a statement that it had reclassified the crime as hooliganism, which carries a lesser sentence.

"The investigation has requalified the charges," the Committee said in a statement on October 23. The new charge could still be punishable by up to seven years in p1150n.

Greenpeace however said Friday that investigators have not presented the pailed activists or their lawyers with any official papers that cancel the previous charge, as would be required to actually remove it formally.

The organisation's executive director Kumi Naidoo said in a statement that instead of lesser charges, the activists now face potentially even longer pail

Through the week, activists and journalists who were on the ship and are now jailed in pre-trial cells in northern Russia's Murmansk, received their hooliganism charges, according to the organisation.

The allegations came as French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault met with Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev and President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, raising the issue of a French national who is one of those held.

Lawyer Favorskaya said that the hooliganism charge does not even work in international waters, where Greenpeace says the ship was boarded by coast guard on September 19.



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### Dutch to send 380 troops to Mali

THE HAGUE (AFP) - The Netherlands will send 380 soldiers and four Apache attack helicopters to war-torn Mali following an appeal for more UN peacekeepers, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte said on Friday.

The announcement comes after an urgent request by the UN's special representative in the west African country for more blue helmets as its peacekeeping force faces a new surge of Islamist attacks.



**Dutch Prime Minister Mark** 

"The Netherlands has decided to answer the UN's call," Rutte told journalists at his weekly press briefing following a cabinet meeting.

"Northern Mali is threatening to become a place where terrorists are freely trained," he

The Dutch force's main task will be intelligence gathering for the UN's Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA), as well as training local police, the Dutch foreign ministry said in a statement.

The high-tech Apache attack helicopters will also be used in an intelligence gathering role and to protect the Dutch forces.

"In principle the Dutch force will remain with the mission until the end of 2015," the ministry added.

The UN special representative to Mali, former Dutch politician Bert Koenders, told the Security Council earlier this month that Mali's international force needed helicopters. and troops as it built up to replace a French force that intervened this year to halt an Islamist takeover.

Koenders said recent attacks in the north of the country had been an important "wake-up call" over security.

MINUSMA is meant to eventually reach 12,640 troops and police. At the end of July it had just over 6,000 but Nigerian and some Chadian troops have since withdrawn.

French troops entered Mali in January to halt an advance on the capital Bamako by Al-Qaeda-linked Islamist groups and allied Tuareg rebels.

A presidential election was held in July but militant attacks have resumed in northern Mali where extremist groups are based.

France still has 3,200 troops in Mali but wants to reduce the figure to 1,000 by the end of tlus year.

The Netherlands twice before attempted to join a European Union-flagged military training mission to Mali, but both times the plans were dropped due to infighting within the ruling coalition, local media reports said.

### Venezuelan president accuses Twitter of attacking account

CARACAS (AFP) Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro has accused Twitter of attacking his account and those of several cabinet officials as part of a right-wing plot.

Maduro said late Thursday that the alleged attack was conducted in concert with social networks to provoke unrest and suspend upcoming December 8 municipal elections.

Communications Minister Delsy Rodriguez said nearly 6,600 Maduro followers disappeared from the president's account in 10 minutes, although she did not specify when the incident too place. As of Friday, Maduro's official Twitter account had 1.4 million followers.

Rodriguez said her own Twitter account had also been

suspended.

\*We've uncovered a massive attack by the Twitter company and the international right against the accounts of Bolivarian patriots Venezuelan Chavistas, coming from various parts of the world," Maduro said.

A Twitter spokesperson declined comment.

Senior opposition figure Leopoldo Lopez said it was "ridiculous" that Maduro was worried about the loss of Twitter followers at a time when the oil-nich country is beset by economic crises.

Speaking in Miami, the former mayor who heads the Voluntad Popular (Popular Will) Party said Maduro is "totally out of touch with what's happening in the country."

Maduro, the hand-picked successor of late president Hugo Chavez, was elected president April 14 over oppoleader Henrique Capriles, who has refused to recognize his 1.49 percent win.

Analysts see the December polls in which Venezuelans will cast ballots for mayors and municipal council members as a key barometer of support for the government.

For months, Maduro has denounced alleged plots from abroad to sow trouble, overturn the government, assassinate members of the executive branch and aid opposition.



#### A third of Texas abortion clinics to close on court ruling

CHICAGO (AFP) - At least a third of the abortion clinics in Texas were expected to cease providing abortions Friday after an appeals court lifted an injunction blocking controversial new rules.

All but five of the sprawling state's 42 clinics could be forced out of business if a second set of restrictions is goes forward next year.

Abortion is a hot-button issue in US politics. In recent years, opponents have imposed restrictions aimed at deterring women from ending pregnancies and making it harder for clinics to operate.

A Texas law requiring abortion providers to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital was overturned by a federal judge on Monday, only for the injunction halting the closures to be lifted by another court on Thursday.

Judge Lee Yeakel had ruled that the requirement "does not bear a rational relationship to the legitimate right of the State in preserving and promoting fetal life or a woman's health and, in any event, places a substantial obstacle in the path of a woman seeking an abortion of a nonviable fetus and is thus an undue burden to her."

Similar restrictions imposed in Alabama, Mississippi and Wisconsin have been overturned by federal courts.

Many hospitals ban physicians from performing abortions and will not grant providers admission privileges because their low-risk practices do not result in a high enough volume of admissions, Yeakel noted in a 26-page opinion.

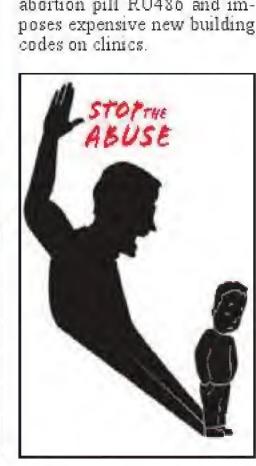
A federal appeals court disagreed and lifted the injunction late Thursday after determining that the state of Texas "has made a strong showing that it is likely to succeed" in its appeal.

It noted that while the Supreme Court has ruled that states may not place "undue burdens" on women seeking to terminate pregnancies, a law need not be invalidated simply because it "has the incidental effect of making it more difficult or more expensive to procure an abortion."

It also ruled that even if more 90 percent of the state's women did not live within 100 miles (160 kilometers) of an abortion clinic "this does not constitute an undue burden."

Texas Governor Rick Perry hailed the ruling as an affirmation of "our right to protect both the unborn and the health of the women of Texas."

But opponents vowed to challenge the ruling and work to overturn other portions of the bill, which also bans all abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, limits the use of the abortion pill RU486 and imposes expensive new building codes on clinics.



### Germany offers third gender option, but advocates say not enough

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany on Friday became the first European country to allow babies born with characteristics of both sexes to be registered as neither male nor female, but advocates urged further re-

forms

Under the new legislation, the field for gender can be left blank on birth certificates, effectively creating a category for indeterminate sex in the public register. Activists promoting the rights of so-called intersex people said they hoped the creation of a third gender option would open the door to broader changes that would limit genital surgery on new-

borns with both male and female characteristics. Experts estimate one in

1,500 to 2,000 births result in a baby of indeterminate gender or both male and female gender features.





## Big US tech firms calls for reform on snooping

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Six of the biggest US technology firms are urging Congress to rein in the National Security Agency by requiring more transparency about surveillance and improved privacy protections.

In a letter to a Senate committee, the tech giants applauded the introduction of the USA Freedom Act aimed at ending bulk collection of phone records and improve privacy protection in the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

The companies, which have failed to win efforts to disclose details of their cooperation with US surveillance programs, said more transparency would "help to counter erroneous reports that we permit intelligence agencies "direct access" to our companies' servers or that we are participants in a bulk Internet records collection program."

The letter dated Thursday and addressed to the Senate Judiciary Committee came days after a news report said the NSA has tapped into key communications links from Yahoo and Google data centers

around the world.

The Washington Post, citing documents obtained from former NSA contractor Edward Snowden and interviews with officials, said the program can collect data at will from hundreds of millions of user accounts, including from Americans.

The report said the program dubbed MUSCULAR, operated jointly with NSA's British counterpart GCHQ, indicated that the agencies can intercept data flows from the fiber-optic cables used by the US Internet giants.

The NSA disputes key details of the report.

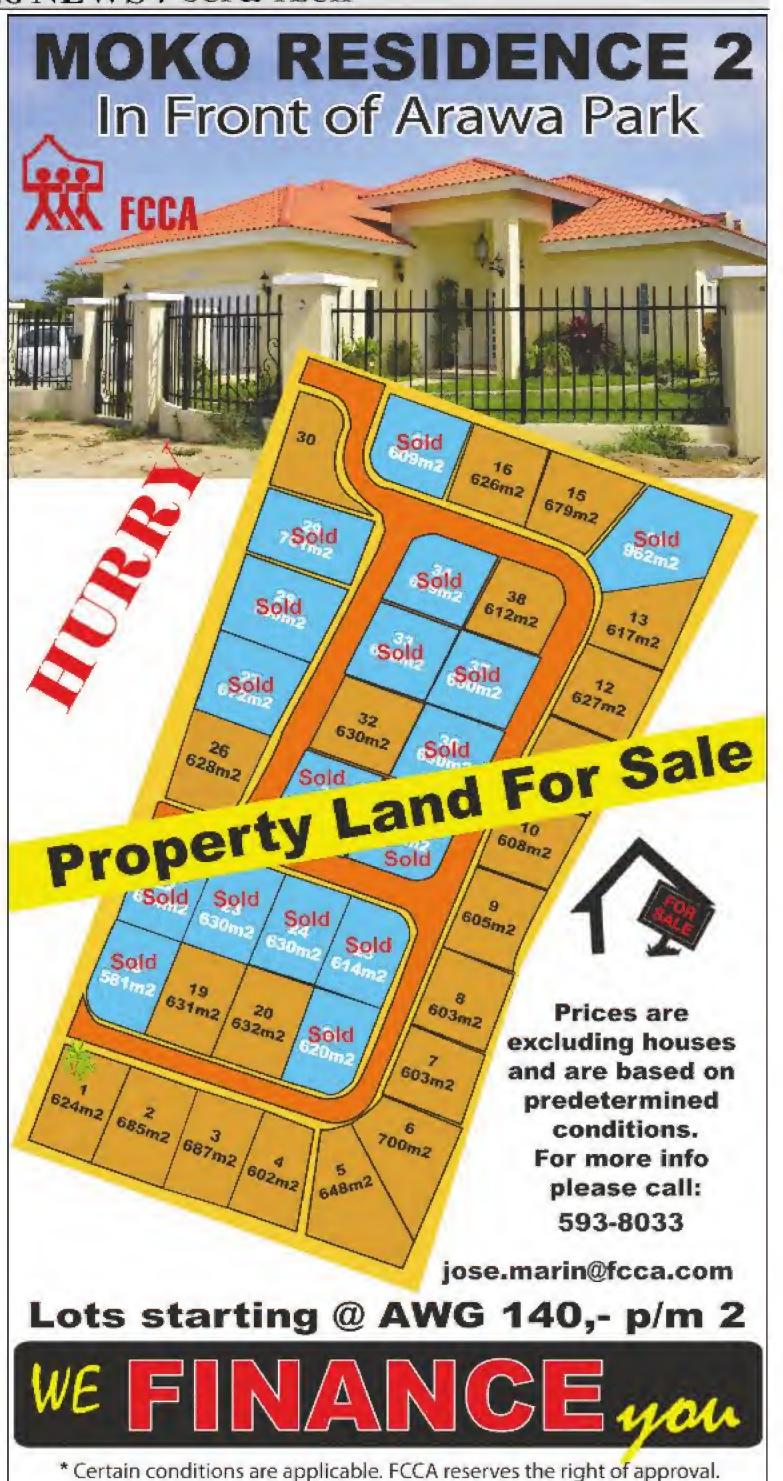
The bill proposed by Senator Patrick Leahy and Representatives James Sensenbrenner and John Conyers, with other co-sponsors

Leahy and Sensenbrenner said in a joint statement they welcomed the wide support for their bill.

The Center for Democracy and Technology, a digital rights advocacy group, meanwhile urged other companies to speak up.



SAN FRANSISCO - The mystery barge in San Francisco Bay is indeed a Google project, and houses a fancy, floating showroom for Google Glass and other products, a CNN affiliate is reporting. The station cited "multiple sources" including at least one who has been aboard the barge, and said it was dreamed up at Google X, the company's secret facility where engineers have cooked up projects like Google Glass and a self-driving car. The facility is constructed from interchangeable shipping containers and is designed to be disassembled and transported via barge or train to other locations, a source said.



## Retailers smarten up with smartphone shoppers

WASHINGTON (AFP) - As consumers seek to outsmart their local retailers with their smartphones, the stores are fighting back on the same front.

Retailers are increasingly gathering data from smart-

phone users in stores, tracking their locations and habits in an effort to boost sales and efficiencies.

Brick-and-mortar retailers can be hurt by showrooming, but can also use smartphones to their advantage to reduce wast times for checkouts, stock the right merchandise and reward loyal customers.

The practice of tracking is drawing scrutiny from privacy activists even as the market for this technology shows sizzling growth.

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### Euro sinks as low inflation points to possible rate cut

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) The euro fell sharply against
the dollar for a second day Friday amid rising speculation
that the European Central
Bank could move to cut interest rates to counter falling inflation.

At 2100 GMT, the euro was at \$1.3482, down from \$1.3579 late Thursday. It was above \$1.3750 in Wednesday's trade.

The euro also lost ground to the yen, falling to 133.10 yen from 133.60.

The dollar rose to 98.69 yen from 98.37.

"The sharp drop in eurozone consumer price inflation to 0.7 percent in October means that a European Central Bank interest rate cut from 0.50 percent to 0.25 percent is now a very real possibility at its 7 Novem-

ber policy meeting," Howard Archer, chief european economist at IHS Global Insight, said in a market note.

Archer said the decision could be put off to wait for fresh data on growth and inflation from its staff, but argued the rate cut -- which would put the benchmark euro rate at the same level as the Fed's key dollar rate -- would come by year-end.

"An interest rate cut could also exert some welcome downward pressure on the euro, which hit a 23-month high against the dollar earlier in October, which is not helpful for eurozone export and recovery prospects," he added.

The British pound fell to \$1.5923 from \$1.6033, while the dollar rose to 0.9117 Swiss franc from 0.9069 franc.

#### UPC announces more job losses

THE HAGUE - Dutch cable operator UPC on Friday announced the loss of around 100 jobs in an effort to 'simplify' the company.

The company says it has made a considerable investment in new product which is now on the market and that this justifies a cut back, the Telegraaf reports.

Forced redundancies cannot be ruled out, the company said. However, the job losses will not lead to longer waiting times at customer service. 'Where possible, we will avoid scrapping jobs in direct contact with our customers,' a

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ING, finance minister agree on US mortgages sale

THE HAGUE - Finance minister Jeroen Dijsselbloem has reached agreement with ING on the divestment of the bank's American high-risk mortgage portfolio, the Financieele Dagblad reports.

In 2009, the government gave ING a €10bn capital guarantee for the mortgage portfolio. Although other state support has to be repaid by 2015, no deadline was set for the mortgage guarantee.

Now the situation in the US has improved to a level where in theory the Dutch state can cancel its guarantee. The improvement means ING can sell the portfolio and make a small profit, something which it is keen to do. However, Dijsselbloem was not keen on the divestment.

The minister has now agreed to the sale within a year, as long as the price is favourable. At current rates, the Dutch government could realise a profit of €400m.



## US stocks mixed over week of unspectacular earnings

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks paused this week following a stream of corporate earnings that were solid enough to maintain the year's gains, but not quite good enough to push the rally forward.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average and S&P 500 bolted to new records on Tuesday ahead of a Federal Reserve decision to keep an aggressive monetary stimulus program going. But all three indices cooled on two of three subsequent days, resulting in a mixed performance for the week.

The Dow advanced 45.27 (0.29 percent) to 15,615.55. The broad-based S&P 500 edged 1.87 (0.11 percent) higher to 1,761.64, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index fell 21.32 (0.54 percent) to 3,922.04.

As the last big week of third quarter's earnings played out, the pattern of solid but unspectacular earnings continued Several large companies reported big declines in earnings, yet still exceeded expectations.

Third-quarter earnings for the S&P 500 are now projected to have grown 5.2 percent compared with last year, according to S&P Capital IQ.

Exxon saw profits decline 18 percent due to a huge deterioration in its refining business. But earnings still bested analyst expectations by 2 cents at \$1.79 per share, as the company snapped a losing streak of oil and gas production declines.

GM earnings fell 53 percent due to higher taxes and equity buybacks. Without these onetime items, GM profits exceeded forecasts of 93 cents per share by 3 cents.

But Apple and Facebook both finished the week lower even as they bested earnings forecasts. Analysts worried that Apple forecasts suggested lower profit margins in the fourth quarter, while Facebook comments about a decline in interest among younger teens generated concern.

Other problematic earnings came from insurer AIG, which acknowledged that a large planned divestiture of its aircraft leasing business could fall through; Western Union, which said profits would be hit by higher regulatory compliance costs; and Avon, which warned of a penalty in a long-standing foreign bribery probe that was "significantly greater" than hoped.

All three companies fell precipitously after announcing the earnings.

Stocks were lifted in the first half of the week as investors looked ahead to Wednesday's meeting of the Fed's Federal Open Market Committee, which, as expected decided to keep an \$85 billion per-month bond-buying program going due to continued concern about the economic recovery.

But the markets ran out of steam after that.

## E. Africa pirates took up to \$413 mn since 2005: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Horn of Africa pirates have raked in up to \$413 million in ransom since 2005, with most of it used to finance "global scale" criminal operations, a new study said Friday.

The study said the pirates themselves get little of the money paid them by international ship and cargo owners, with their financiers getting most of the take.

The money then is spun into criminal operations including

arms trafficking, migrant smuggling, and to fund militias, as well as into legitimate businesses, according to the joint study by the World Bank, United Nations and Interpol.

The study, "Pirate Trails," points to the need to go after the money itself, as it is laundered and used in other areas, and not just the pirates.

"The international community has mobilized a naval force to deal with the pirates," said Stuart Yikona, a World Bank financial sector expert and co-author of the report.

The study paints a picture of an increasingly sophisticated industry operating mainly from Somalia.

It is based on interviews with government officials, bankers, local businesses and former pirates.

It says that pirates, hijacking vessels from small sailboats to oil supertankers off the busy coast of East Africa, have been able to ransom off their captives for between \$339 million and \$413 million between 2005 and 2012.

From 30 percent to 75 percent of the money ends up in the hands of "financiers," with only a small amount going to the pirates themselves.

Most of the money stays in the region, with a substantial amount laundered through the trade in khat, a popular narcotic leaf in the East African region.

The study says there is evidence that pirate financiers have used their gains to establish their own stakes in the khat trade.

In addition, they buy heavily into real estate, and could be getting into oil trade, transportation, restaurants and hotels.

But it cited a greater concern over pirate financiers "investing in militias and military capabilities" in Somalia, running human trafficking operations, and other criminal activities.



## Solar eclipse to sweep Africa, Europe, US on Sunday

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A rare solar eclipse will sweep across parts of Africa, Europe and the United States on Sunday as the moon blocks the sun either fully or partially, depending on the location.

The round shape of the Earth explains why some viewers in west Africa will see a total eclipse, while others in the United States and Europe will only see the sun partly obscured.

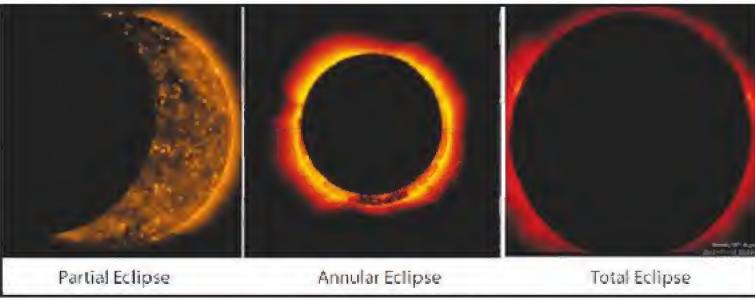
Regardless, experts said people should not look directly at the sun during the unusual hybrid eclipse unless they use special welder's glass or view it indirectly with a pinhole filter. Regular sunglasses will not protect the eyes enough.

The greatest part of the eclipse will take place at 1237 GMT over the Atlantic Ocean, some 330 kilometers (205 miles) southwest of Liberia, according to a NASA website that tracks eclipses.

The west African nation of Gabon will get peak viewing of the total eclipse as it sweeps over a path nearly 60 kilometers (37 miles) wide. At its peak over land in central Gabon around 1350 GMT, the sun will be blocked out for about one minute.

"The eclipse will then continue across Africa through the Congos until it passes through northern Uganda and northern Kenya, ending in southern Ethiopia and Somalia," said the International Astronomical Union.

The eclipse will last about 10 seconds in northern Kenya.



Weather permitting, partial phases of the eclipse will be in southern Europe, including parts of Spain, Italy and Greece.

In the eastern United States, viewers may catch a partial eclipse close to sunnise at 6:30 am in the Eastern Standard Time Zone (1130 GMT).

Experts say a safe way to view an eclipse is by making a pinhole camera -- a 3 millimeter hole in one piece of paper -  then turning your back to the sun and using the pierced page to project the image of the sun on another sheet of paper.

A map of the eclipse's path can be found at: u.afp.com/wi4.

## Woman arrested with drug-filled Halloween pumpkins

MONTREAL (AFP) - A woman arriving at Monairport was treal's handed over to Canadian federal police on Thursday after a search of her luggage found cocaine stashed inside Halloween pumpkins. "The pumpkins seemed heavy, so we decided to run them through an Xray machine and the drugs were found in bags inside the pump-



kins," Canada Border Services Agency spokeswoman Jacqueline Roby told AFP. In a statement, the agency described the case as an "unusual seizure in this day of Halloween." "Instead of being filled with candies, three pumpkins carried by a female traveller at Montréal-Trudeau Airport contained nearly two kilograms of suspected cocaine." The drugs and the suspect were handed over to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which is expected to lay charges. The woman's nationality was not disclosed. Since the start of the year, authorities made 173 drug seizures at the Montreal airport, including 10 cocaine seizures for a total of 44 kilograms.

#### Harrison Ford back to star wars with new sci-fi film

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - More than 30 years after "Star Wars," Harrison Ford has returned to inter-stellar space battles in big-budget sci-fi spectacular "Ender's Game."

But the 71-year-old insists it's the human relations rather than hi-tech wizardry that drew him to the project, developed from a novel by Orson Scott Card and directed by South African "X-Men" director Gavin Hood.

In a film which will resonate with "Star Wars" fans recalling the young Luke Skywalker and the crusty Han Solo, Ford plays Colonel Graff, training a group of children and teenagers how to protect the Earth from an alien invasion.

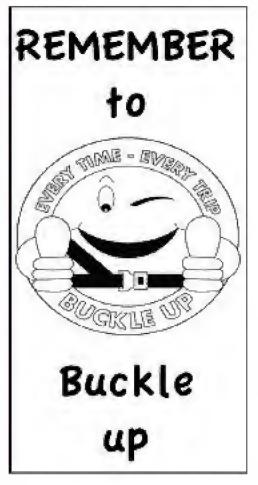
The best bet to save the world is Ender, played by Britain's Asa Butterfield, who starred in Martin Scorsese's 2011 drama "Hugo."

Timid, but with an exceptional gift for military strategy and tactics, he becomes the hero of a film in which intergalactic battles are played out in space and in a simulated game world.

It is almost Ford's first sci-fi film since the last "Star Wars" movie, apart from a role in 2011's "Cowboys and Aliens."

And science fiction has changed quite a bit since director George Lucas released the initial trilogy of the cult movie franchise in 1977 -- as Ford explained as he presented his latest movie.

The hit 1985 novel on which the film is based has a lot of violence, which is instrinsic to its story. But the movie's director said he approached that aspect carefully.



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maintain. It is only three stories and twenty luxurious units, of which 14 will be ocean front, the remainder, ocean view. Sizes range from one bedroom condominiums with a bath and a half to three-bedrooms, each bedroom with its own bath, and an additional guest half/bath. The designs include a family entertainment room that will

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services, lounge area, BBQ station, fitness room, assigned parking, additional outside storage for bicycles and personal items, and 24-hour security. A quiet, secluded section of Eagle beach is only a few steps from the front door.

O Condominiums officially opened the doors of their sales office onsite at Eagle Beach on December 24. Interested parties can inspect the project in a spacious plot right next to the gourmet Screaming Eagle restaurant. The project is directed towards discerning clients seeking a top quality property on Aruba in an ideal, tranquil, beachfront location. Prospective property owners will find the Cas Bon people enjoy an exceptional reputation on Aruba for excellence and reliability.

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## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

-- An elegant decor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

The Queen's.

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"-"Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena -"Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (commeal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as BBQ Chicken and Ribs or



Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef

Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy comer at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a local. They are open for Dinner from 18.00 to 11:00 PM, daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining.

Telf. 5860606 and email: saus.arubancuisine@live.com

From an extensive menuthey also have daily specials made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't forget to ask about what isn't on the menu!

### ABBA invites all to Aruba's **Baseball Championship**

ORANJESTAD - Under the slogan "Let's play ball in good spirits and harmony," the federation of Aruban baseball (ABBA) began several months ago participating in the baseball AA championship with various teams. Along with the double AA baseball, ABBA also has their Minor League championship in action.

ABBA is relying on the sup- the Lotto pa Deporte Founda-

our baseball in every sense. Baseball has a very interesting history and has produced professionals who have played in Mayor League Baseball. The recent accomplishment of Xander Bogaerts is an example his career in baseball in Aruba.

The Subsidy Commission of

port of everyone to promote tion is subsidizing the Baseball AA Championship of ABBA. Both institutions are happy to support and help the baseball federation to realize their championship without any ob-

ABBA invites all of Aruba of a young pitcher who began to come out and enjoy the games and support our baseball championship.

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#### Baseball: Yankees ink Jeter to \$12 million one-year deal

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -Despite shortstop Derek Jeter's injury plagued 2013 season, the New York Yankees have opted to hang onto their captain with a one-year, \$12 million deal.

The Yankees said on Friday they had re-signed Jeter, who had an option remaining on the contract he inked before the 2011 campaign.

Jeter, 39, played in only 17 games in 2013.

Hoping to be back for the start of the season after breaking his left ankle in the 2012 American League Championship Series, Jeter re-injured the ankle in spring training.

He made his season debut on July 11, the suffered a strained quadriceps that sidelined him until the end of the month.

Jeter missed time in August with a calf strain before the Yankees shut him down in early September.

Jeter, who enjoyed a stellar 2012 campaign that included 216 hits, a .316 batting average

and 15 home runs, admitted 2013 was a "frustrating" expemence.

Now the 13-time All-Star will have a chance to bounce back in 2014, when he will be the lone remaining player from the "Core Four," the group that helped the Yankees to five World Series titles since 1996.

Jorge Posada retired following the 2011 season, while pitchers Andy Pettitte and Mariano Rivera called it quits after the just-completed 2013 campaign.

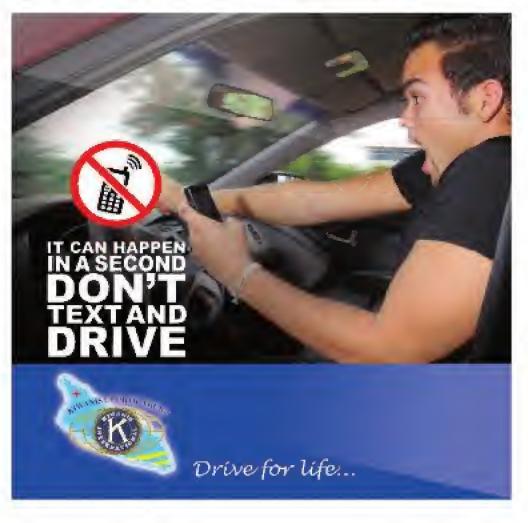
### Registration for Aruba International Beach Tennis event is open!



ORANJESTAD - The upcoming Aruba International Beach Tennis event promises to be super fantastic, better and bigger than ever before with an expected 800 participants. Held at fabulous Eagle Beach, the 30 sandy courts are going to host players from Aruba, Brazil, Belgium, Bermuda, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Colombia, France, Germany, Italy, the USA, Spain, St. Martin, Martinique, Mex-Netherlands. the Venezuela and Puerto Rico; they will be playing in different categories and at various levels for the \$ 25,000 total purse. The Aruba International Beach Tennis event, voted Best Tournament in the World in the year 2012, is a week of fun in the sun with great music, new friends, DJ's every evening, parties, food and drinks and lots and lots of beach tennis from November 11 - 17. Don't miss it at any

Registration of this muchanticipated international happening is open surf to www.divibeachtennisaruba.co m and join in. The schedule is chockfull of single, double and mixed double matches, with Friday's hyped Nations Cup undoubtedly one of the highlights. Deejays will be bringing the crowd to boiling point at Stadium Court, where 2,500 seated spectators can watch the pro players dive, jump and run in crazy, almost non-human athleticism, trying to return the ball. The finals will be held on Sunday, November 17 - this is a not-to-be-missed happening, as the crazed crowd starts dancing on the court as soon as the final ball has been hit and the winners of the 2013 event are known.

The Aruba International Beach Tennis event is very proud of its ITF (international Tennis Federation) G-1 status, which means that this tournament offers top prize money. The ITF will have live streaming during the event, which is covered by local television stations ATV and TeleAruba and by radio stations Cool FM and Caliente. Main sponsors include Divi Resorts, Amstel Bright, Setar, Coppertone, GTI Aruba, Dufry and Benihana. For more information, registration or just because you want to be up-to-speed on the proceedings, please look at the website or the Aruba Beach Tennis Facebook page. We'll keep you posted!





## Racing: Beholder denies Royal Delta BC Distaff treble

ARCADIA (AFP) - Beholder won the Breeders' Cup Distaff on Friday, denying Royal Delta an unprecedented third straight triumph in the \$2 million race. The 1 1/8-mile race for fillies and mares highlighted the opening day of the Breeders' Cup, a 14-race, \$27 million extravaganza that will be capped by the \$5 million Classic on Torday at Santa Anita Park.

Royal Delta, trained by Bill Mott and ridden by Mike Smith, was trying to become the first horse to win the Distaff -- formerly known as the Ladies' Classic -- three straight times. Instead it went to Beholder, who moved up to the Distaff after winning last year's Juvenile Fillies.

Trained by Richard Man-

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della and ridden by Gary Stevens, Beholder surged through the final straight for a convincing win over Close Hatches. Authenticity was third and Royal Delta fourth. The great French mare Goldikova is the only horse to win the same Breeders' Cup race three times, triumphing in the Mile in 2008, 2009 and 2010.



ABU DHABI (AFP) Scuderia Toro Rosso's French driver Jean Eric Vergne (L) and Ferrari's Spanish driver Fernando Alonso drive during the second practice session at the Yas Marina circuit in Abu Dhabi on November 1, 2013, ahead of the Abu Dhabi Formula One Grand Prix.

## Football: Barca down Espanyol thanks to Sanchez strike



MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona extended their lead at the top of La Liga on Friday as they overcame stiff resistance from Espanyol to win the Catalan derby 1-0 at the Camp Nou.

Alexis Sanchez scored the only goal of the game midway through the second-half when he tapped home Neymar's pinpoint cross to score for the third consecutive game.

However, it was another frustrating evening for Lionel Messi as he failed to score for a fourth consecutive La Ligamatch.

Barca now lead secondplaced Atletico Madrid by four points and Real Madrid by nine with both sides from the capital having played a game less.

The hosts were almost back to full strength after resting a host of first-team regulars for the 3-0 win over Celta Vigo in midweek as Gerard Pique, Javier Mascherano, Xavi, Andres Iniesta and Neymar all returned, whilst Martin Montoya deputised for the injured Adriano at left-back.

However, the toll of five games in 13 days appeared to affect the Spanish champions as their build-up play was laboured in the first-half and they caused Espanyol very few problems.



NEW YORK - As reported by The Times, Kobe Bryant received 80% of his 2013-14 salary on Friday, a gross of \$24.4 million. Negotiated as part of his specific contract, Bryant receives a balloon payment on Nov. 1. On Friday, the All-Star guard will receive \$24,363,044 from the Lakers. Bryant's salary for the entire season is \$30,453,805 -- the remaining \$6.1 million will be paid out over the course of the year. While there's a limit to how much a player can receive in advance, Bryant is right at that 80% maximum.

# Formula One: Raikkonen threatens Lotus walk-out over pay row

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Unpaid Ferrari-bound Finn Kimi Raikkonen on Friday threatened to walk out on his team Lotus if they cannot sort out their financial problems.

Raikkonen, who joins Ferrari next year, went close to not turning up for this weekend's Abu Dhabi Grand Prix, but instead arrived late and took fifth place in the evening's practice session.

The Finn has been at loggerheads with Lotus for several months and last weekend the tension was exposed when he exchanged profamities with them during the Indian Grand Prix.

Raikkonen is believed to be owed more than 15 million euros by the team.

When asked if he would contemplate not taking part in the final races in the United States and in Brazil, he said: "For sure I enjoy racing, I enjoy driving - but a big part of it is business. "Sometimes when that is not dealt with like it should, we end up in an unfortunate situation. You have to put the line somewhere, and if it goes over that... it is not really my fault anymore."

Earlier in the day, the team had tried to play down the extent of their problems after making apologies for the language used in last Sunday's interchange between Raikkonen and pit-wall boss Alan Permane.

Rakkonen said: "It is a part of it. It is true those things should not happen but they have happened. That is not really the

"It is all the other stuff, and all the things come together in the end. Like I said, it is easy to say that is the reason but it is not that."

### Tennis: Federer sets up Djokovic clash in Paris

PARIS (AFP) - Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer will play each other for the first time this year after both won their quarter-final ties at the Paris Masters tournament on Friday.

Djokovic swept into the semi-finals with a rapid-fire 6-1, 6-4 win over Stanislas Wawninka, while Federer came through a second set wobble to edge Juan Martin del Potro 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

It will be the 30th meeting between the two, but the first since Djokovic defeated the Swiss great in the ATP World Tour final in London a year ago.
World number one and top
seed Rafael Nadal, meanwhile,
stayed on course for a record
sixth Masters Series title in the
same year as he swatted aside
the uncertain challenge of
French number one Richard
Gasquet 6-4, 6-1.

Djokovic, Paris Masters champion in 2009, said that Federer was having a strong finish to what had been a disappointing season.

Fifth seed Federer had lost for the third straight time to the towering Argentine in the final of the Basel tournament on Sunday, on what was home turf for him.

But with Del Potro looking decidedly leg weary from his marathon efforts in recent weeks that have seen him win 15 out of his last 16 matches, Federer was in commanding form from the start.

The win was just the second this year for Federer against a player ranked in the world top 10 and boosted his hopes of salvaging something from what has been a dismal 12 months.

Earlier, in the first of the quarter-finals, second seed Diokovic got off to the perfect start against Wawninka with a break in the second game to lead 3-0 and he wrapped up the first set at 6-1 after just 26 minutes.

The Swiss seventh seed did have his chances early in the second set, but failed to put away any of the four break points he had in the second game and Djokovic promptly closed the door on him.

For Wawrinka, the consolation was that he had already clinched a place in next week's ATP World Tour Finals in London, his first appearance in the season-ending finale. The Paris quarter-finals had flung up a star-studded line-up featuring the eight men who will contest the ATP Tour title in London.

It was the first time since Montreal in 2009 that eight of the top 10 players in the world had reached the quarter-finals of one of the Masters Series tournaments.

In the last of the quarter-finals defending champion and third seed David Ferrer was going up against Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic with the winner up against Nadal.

